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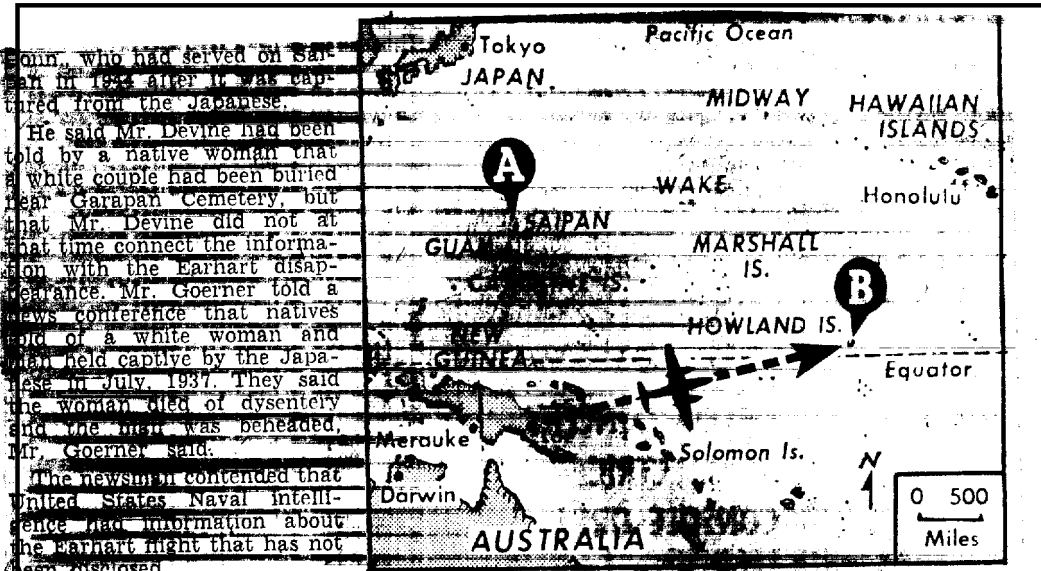...oan, who had served on Sai-
...an in 1944 after it was cap-
tured from the Japanese.
He said Mr. Devine had been
told by a native woman that
a white couple had been buried
near Garapan Cemetery, but
that Mr. Devine did not at
that time connect the informa-
tion with the Earhart disap-
pearance. Mr. Goerner told a
news conference that natives
told of a white woman and
held captive by the Japa-
nese in July, 1937. They said
the woman died of dysentery
and the man was beheaded,
Mr. Goerner said.
The newsman contended that
United States Naval intelli-
gence had information about
the Earhart flight that has not
been disclosed.
He said that although he
feels strongly that the remains
are those of Miss Earhart and
Mr. Noonan, "naturally we are
not absolutely certain yet."
Jules Dundes, vice-president
and general manager of KCBS,
said: "We don't know that
these are the remains of Miss
Earhart and Noonan. We only
suspect that they are. All of
our previous investigations
point to the fact that they
are on the island."
There was no indication, at
the time of the disappearance
or in the years immediately
following, to believe that the
flight ended anywhere except in
the vicinity of Howland Island,
2,500 miles from Saipan and on
a widely different course from
Lae.
Mr. Noonan was a noted
navigator and he genuinely they
were in the Howland area by for-
ty-six minutes before the last
message Miss Earhart told the
Coast Guard cutter Itasca
standing by at Howland. "We
are circling but cannot hear
you," Mr. Noonan had esti-
mated previously they were
within 100 miles of Howland.
Cmdr. W. K. Thompson of

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Saipan Island (A) where skeletons of two persons were
found. They may be those of Amelia Earhart and her
navigator, Fred Noonan, lost on 1937 flight from Lae,
New Guinea, to Howland Island (B).

the Itasca said: "At the end
Miss Earhart talked so rapidly
as to be almost incoherent."
He said the plane's radio was
loudest when it sent the "cir-
cling" message and he believed
it was closest to Howland at
that time.

Unconfirmed rumors have
arisen from time to time that
Miss Earhart and Mr. Noonan
were on some sort of pre-war
mission over Japanese-
territory. This theory
would account for Mr. Noonan's
supposed "execution" by the
Japanese. The Japanese govern-
ment has denied any knowledge
of the pair.

Mr. Goerner said Cmdr. Paul
W. Bridwell, present U. S. com-
mander on Saipan, said he had
information that Miss Earhart
may have gone down near Jai-
liet Island in the Marshalls,
farther east and closer to How-
land.

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